

THE OCEAN PEDDLER.

IN CONTRABAND GOODS HE FINDS
GREATEST PROFITS.Methods of Trading Vessels That Go
to Many Out of the Way Corners of
the World—How the Captain Dis-
poses of his Cargo.

The man with a pack on his back, tramping from village to village and offering for sale at cottage and farm-house a miscellaneous collection of goods, has his counterpart in the ocean peddler, ranging in size from a schooner trading among the islands of the Pacific to a steamer of 1,000 to 2,000 tons burden.

The ocean peddler starts out from Hongkong or San Francisco, the chief ports of the trade, with a definite object in view. Sailing from the former city the course is generally laid along the coast of Africa or South America, having in the hold a varied assortment of goods likely to be marketable in the regions visited—cotton goods, trinkets, arms, ammunition, cigars and all spare room filled up with coal.

As the largest profits are often derived from the sale of contraband goods, such as munitions of war to insurgent forces, and as detection by regular authorities would lead to confiscation, several thousand rounds of cartridges are probably down in innocent looking cases stamped "Canned Beef" and a few stanzas of discarded German army letters in packages labeled "Glass, With Care."

The captain of such a vessel must possess not only ability as a navigator, but an expert knowledge of the requirements of his trade in addition to a plausible tongue wherewith to barter and win over the good will of an ill-disposed official. If he does not own an interest in the ship, it is generally required that he shall in her cargo.

Trudging along over the ocean at a seven or eight knot gait, saving his coal as much as possible, the peddler opens his trade by casting anchor in, say, a South or Central American port, when, having secured the commandant, he invites merchants and others on board to inspect his stock. Duty, of course, has to be paid by the purchaser, but in certain cases that difficulty is often overcome by the visitor to the ship going ashore swollen out perhaps to three times his normal size by as many new suits of clothing.

The greatest good fortune that can fall in the way of an ocean peddler is to find an American or British man-of-war en route to some out of the way port in which he is lying, short of coal. Then from his spare stock he sells a few hundred tons at as hard a bargain as the necessity of the purchaser permits him to give.

On the Central American coast the peddler usually times his visit at about the opening of the coffee season—that is, early in the new year—so that when he has sold out his wares he is able to head up, almost to the water line, with the principal export of the country.

That the ocean peddling trade is not without its dangers is illustrated by a story told by a mate of one of those vessels. In order to preserve his respectable character the contraband goods are sometimes stored in places likely to escape the vigilant eye of the customs officer, and in the case in question the mate's bunk was chosen as the safest repository for certain packages of dynamite consigned to the leaders of a Nicaraguan revolution.

All went well until the night before the ship was due to arrive at her destination, when a thunderstorm occurred, the lightning playing about the masts in an alarming manner. The mate confessed that the idea of turning in upon a bed of dynamite under such circumstances was not conducive to peaceful repose even to one accustomed to sleep through all manner of dangers, but with the reflection that if a flash found its way to his bunk he would not be likely to be made aware of the fact he slumbered serenely through his watch below and next day delivered the "canned tomatoes" safely to the consignee.

The ocean peddling trade on the Pacific has been shorn of much of its profit since the interisland passenger traffic in natives, who too often were carried as passengers, much against their will, to dive for pearls on the great Australian bank, has been effectively suppressed. Still a considerable trade is carried on in small articles of hardware, old clothes, personal trinkets and an occasional case of "dry goods," which, if seized, would turn out to be remarkably wet.—New York Sun.

Old German Wash Lists.

The old German housewife had a strange way of keeping track of the clothes she gave out to be washed. It was nothing less than a pictorial and perpetual wash list. There was no possibility of making such an error as to mistake the abbreviation Sh. for shirts or St. for stockings. She had pictures of each article and simply wrote down the number of each thing opposite its picture with a piece of chalk, which was erased when the thing was returned and used again on the following week.—Cleveland Leader.

Newspaper Guideposts.

Wendell Phillips struck the keynote in modern influences when he said: "Not one man in ten reads books; the newspaper is parent, school, college, pulpit, theater, example, counselor, all in one; every drop of our blood is colored by it. Let me make the newspaper, and I care not who makes the religion or the laws."

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FIGHTING MAYA INDIANS.

Government Troops and Mexicans

Killed in Central America.

OAXACA, Mex., Feb. 28.—Informa-

tion has reached the military authori-

ties here of desperate fighting between

the government troops and the Maya

Indians during the last seven days.

The fighting began on Feb. 21, when

a force of about 600 Indians attacked a

regiment of General Bravo's troops be-

tween Sabau and Ocop. Five soldiers

were killed and two officers and 15 sol-

diers were wounded. The Indians re-

treated to their intrenchments, carry-

ing with them over 100 killed and

wounded.

On the following day another skirmish

was fought about by an advance

detachment of government troops at-

tempting to reconquer the position of

the Indians. Three Mexicans were

killed in that fight.

On Feb. 25 a force of fully 1,200

Mayas attacked the outposts of the gov-

ernment troops and after driving in the

centries a desperate attack was made on

the entrenchments. Several pieces of

artillery were brought into use by

the Mexicans and the rebels were driven

back with a heavy loss. Ten soldiers

were wounded and one killed.

The rebels have free communication

with the people of British Honduras,

who are said to be in sympathy with

their cause.

Wright Gets Appointment.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 28.—General Luke E.

Wright returned yesterday from Wash-

ington, where he went for the purpose

of holding a conference by appointment

with President McKinley regarding the

Philippines commission. When asked

concerning his trip to Washington he

said the appointment had been tendered

him and that he had signified to the

president his willingness to accept.

Further than that General Wright did

not care to discuss the matter, particu-

larly as to the nature of the work which

would be expected of the commission.

It is the general understanding that in-

structions to the commission are now

BULLER'S PERILOUS MARCH.

Field Commander Tells of His Haz-
ardous Campaign.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The war office has

received the following dispatch from

General Buller:

"HEADQUARTERS ILANGWANG, Feb.

24.—Finding that the passage of Lang-

wach spruit was commanded by strong

intrenchments, I reconnoitered for an

other passage of the Tugela. One was

found for me below the cataract by

Colonel Sandbachs, Royal engineers, on

Feb. 25.

"We commenced making an approach

there, and on Feb. 26, finding that I

could make the passage practicable, I

crossed the guns and baggage back to the

south side of the Tugela, took up the

position on Monday night and

reached it at the new site, which is

just below the present marked cataract.

"During all this time the troops had

been scattered, crouching under hastily

constructed small stone shelters and ex-

posed to a galling snail and rifle fire,

and throughout they maintained the

most excellent spirits.

"Tuesday General Buller with two

battalions of the Sixth brigade and the

Dahlin riflers crept about 1½ miles

down the banks of the river and as-

cended an almost perpendicular cliff of

about 500 feet, assaulted and carried

Pieter's hill.

"This hill, to a certain extent, turned

the enemy's left and the Fourth brigade

under Colonel North and the Eleventh

brigade, Colonel Kitchener command-

ing the whole under General Warren,

assaulted the enemy's position, which

was magnificently carried by the South

Lancashire regiment about sunset. We

took about 60 prisoners and scattered

the enemy in all directions.

"Our losses, I hope, are not large.

They certainly are much less than they

would have been were it not for the ad-

mirable manner in which the artillery

was served."

Sewer Pipe Trust.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The manu-

facturers of sewer pipes from various

parts of the country, who have been at

the Fifth avenue hotel for more than

a week, have formed a combination, tak-

ing in the majority of the firms in the

United States. The capitalization of

the new organization is \$10,000,000.

There are said to be 45 sewer pipe works

in the country and of these 28 are in the

combination. It is the general belief

that most of the other owners will join

the new combination sooner or later.

Woman Fatally Burned.

ALBANY, Tenn., Feb. 28.—While

standing before a grate Mrs. John

Brown's clothing became ignited and

she was fatally burned before assist-

ance could reach her. Her body was

charred in many places and there is no

hope for her recovery. She was the

wife of a prominent man.

"I had bronchitis every winter for

years and no medicine gave me per-

manent relief till I began to take

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is the best cough medicine made,"

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No. 6. 12:45 noon. 2:15 p. m. 4:12 p. m. 5:30 p. m. 8:30 p. m. 10:30 p. m. 12:35 noon. 4:05 p. m.

No. 2. 11:30 p. m. 12:30 night. 3:05 a. m. 7:40 a. m. 6:10 a. m. 7:10 p. m. 2:30 a. m. 7:35 a. m.

Leave Pensacola. Arrive Pensacola. Arrive Mobile. Arrive New Orleans. Arrive Montgomery. Arrive Nashville. Arrive Louisville. Arrive Cincinnati. Leave Cincinnati.

No. 1. 4:15 p. m. 5:00 a. m. 2:35 a. m. 12:30 night. 7:55 a. m. 11:30 a. m. 9:30 p. m. 9:00 a. m. 2:55 p. m. 11:00 p. m.

No. 3. 7:00 a. m. 7:25 a. m. 8:45 a. m. 10:28 a. m. 11:15 a. m. 12:05 noon. 1:43 p. m. 7:25 p. m.

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No. 21. 11:50 night. 12:58 night. 4:30 a. m. 6:00 a. m. 7:30 a. m. 8:15 a. m.

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